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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: SEUL, Michael and EBRIGHT, Richard

Serial No.: 09/448,420

Filed: November 23, 1999

For: **COLOR-ENCODING AND IN-SITU INTERROGATION OF  
MATRIX-COUPLED CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

On January 23, 2002, a Continuation Prosecution Application was filed in the above-identified case. At this time, Applications submit a Preliminary Amendment to present the claims in a better form and to address the rejections and objections set forth in the July 23, 2001 Office Action in the parent case. A check in the amount of \$ 99.00 is enclosed to cover the fees for excess number of claims. If any fee deficiency exists in connection with the filing of the Amendment, the

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